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U.S. District Court Northern District of Texas (Dallas) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 3:05-ev-01013 **Internal Use Only**

Alexander v. Pfizer Inc et al Assigned to: Judge Ed Kinkeade

Cause: 28:1446 Petition for Removal- Personal Injury

Date Filed: 05/18/2005 Jury Demand: Both

Nature of Suit: 365 Personal Inj. Prod.

Liability

Jurisdiction: Diversity

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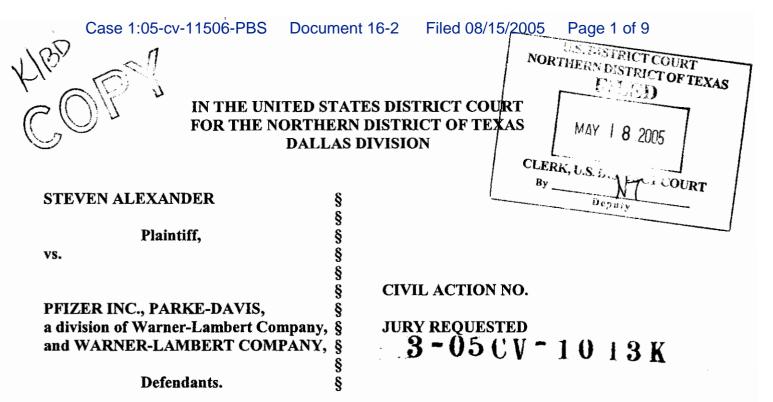
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Date Filed	#	Docket Text	
05/18/2005	•	***Magistrate Judge Kaplan chosen by random selection to handle matters that may be referred in this case. (cxb,) (Entered: 05/19/2005)	
05/18/2005	9 <u>1</u>	NOTICE OF REMOVAL w/state court papers attached from 191st Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas, case number 05-02925, filed by Parke-Davis, Warner-Lambert Company, Pfizer Inc (filing fee \$250; receipt number 219159).(cxb,) (Entered: 05/19/2005)	
05/18/2005	3 2	INDEX OF STATE COURT DOCUMENTS filed by Parke-Davis, Warner-Lambert Company, Pfizer Inc. (cxb,) (Entered: 05/19/2005)	
05/18/2005	3	CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES by Parke-Davis, Warner-Lambert Company, Pfizer Inc. (cxb,) (Entered: 05/19/2005)	
05/18/2005	3 4	DISCLOSURE STATEMENT by Parke-Davis, Warner-Lambert Company, Pfizer Inc. (cxb,) (Entered: 05/19/2005)	
05/18/2005	⊕ 5	DEMAND for Trial by Jury by Parke-Davis, Warner-Lambert Company, Pfizer Inc. (cxb,) (Entered: 05/19/2005)	
05/25/2005	∂ 6	Unopposed MOTION Leave to Proceed without Local Counsel by Warner-Lambert Company, Pfizer Inc with Brief in Support of Their Unopposed Motion for Leave to proceed Without Local Counsel.	

!		(Attachments: # 1)(Ferguson, Kenneth) (Entered: 05/25/2005)	
05/26/2005	3 7	UNOPPOSED MOTION for leave to proceed without local counsel by Parke-Davis, Warner-Lambert Company, Pfizer Inc. (cxb,) (Entered: 05/26/2005)	
06/01/2005	● 8	ORDER REQUIRING SCHEDULING CONFERENCE AND REPORT FOR CONTENTS OF SCHEDULING ORDER: Joint Report shall be filed no later than 21 days from the date of the scheduling conference. [see order for specifics] (Signed by Judge Ed Kinkeade on 5/31/05) (cxb,) (Entered: 06/02/2005)	
06/01/2005	9 9	ORDER terminating 6 Unopposed Motion to proceed without local counsel, granting 7 Unopposed Motion to proceed without local counsel. (Signed by Judge Ed Kinkeade on 5/31/05) (cxb,) (Entered: 06/02/2005)	
06/07/2005	3 10	Order Regarding Intention to Administer Case Electronically - see order for specifics. (Signed by Judge Ed Kinkeade on 6/7/05) (cxb,) (Entered: 06/08/2005)	
07/01/2005	⊅ <u>11</u>	AGREED STIPULATION and Voluntary Motion to Dismiss by Parke-Davis, Warner-Lambert Company, Steven Alexander, Pfizer Inc. (cxb,) (Entered: 07/06/2005)	
07/11/2005	● <u>12</u>	ORDER granting dismissal without prejudice. The Court dismisses all causes of action of plaintiff against defendants Pfizer, Inc., Parke-Davis, a division of Warner-Lambert Company, and Warner-Lambert Company without prejudice to the re-filing of the same. (Signed by Judge Ed Kinkeade on 7/11/05) (mlm) (Entered: 07/12/2005)	
07/19/2005	● <u>13</u>	CONDITIONAL TRANSFER ORDER (CTO-9): Pursuant to Rule 7.4 these actions are transferred to the District of Massachusetts, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable Patti B. Saris. (Signed by Michael J. Beck, Clerk of the Panel) (cxb,) (Entered: 07/20/2005)	
08/12/2005		*** Copy file, certified copy of transfer order (doc. 13) and docket sheet mailed to: USDC, District of Massachusetts, 1 Courthouse Way; Boston, MA 02210. (cxb,) (Entered: 08/12/2005)	



NOTICE OF REMOVAL

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division.

TO:

Defendants Pfizer Inc. ("Pfizer") and Warner-Lambert Company, L.L.C., formerly known as Warner-Lambert Company, on its own behalf and on behalf of its unincorporated Parke-Davis division ("Warner-Lambert"), hereby file their Notice of Removal of the above-captioned action from the 191st Judicial District of Dallas County, Texas, to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, and would respectfully show the following:

I. The State Court Action

1. This is a products liability case in which Plaintiff claims that Pfizer's drug

Neurontin caused his suicide attempt. On March 24, 2005, Plaintiff filed suit in the 191st

Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas, Cause No.05-2925. Defendants were not served with this Petition. On April 12, 2004, Plaintiff filed his "First Amended Original Petition."

("Amended Petition").

- 2. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), a certified copy of the state court docket sheet and copies of all process, pleadings, and orders filed in the state court are attached hereto.
- 3. The Amended Petition asserts claims over which this Court has original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332, because the dispute involves citizens of different states and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.

II. Diversity of Citizenship

- 4. On information and belief, Plaintiff is a citizen of the State of Texas.
- 5. Pfizer is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in New York.
- 6. Warner-Lambert is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in New York.
 - 7. Pfizer and Warner-Lambert answered on May 12, 2004.

III.

Amount in Controversy

- 8. Plaintiff's petition establishes on its face that the amount in controversy in this case exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs. Plaintiff alleges that after ingesting Neurontin, he attempted to commit suicide, "thereby sustaining severe personal injuries." Amended Petition at 6. Plaintiff prays for "general and special damages." *Id.* at 13. Under Texas law, a plaintiff claiming personal injury may, upon a proper showing, recover past and future: (1) physical pain and mental anguish, (2) loss of earning capacity, (3) disfigurement, (4) physical impairment and (5) medical expenses. *See* Texas Pattern Jury Charge 80.2. Moreover, Plaintiff seeks exemplary damages in this case. *Id.* at 5, 12-13.
- 9. Given Plaintiff's allegations, which Pfizer and Warner-Lambert deny in their entirety, the Amended Petition establishes on its face that the amount in controversy requirement is met.

Timeliness, Consent, and State Court Proceedings

- This Notice of Removal is timely filed in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b), 10. because it is filed within 30 days of April 16, 2006, the date the first defendant was served.
 - 11. There are no other defendants and therefore no consent is required.
- The state court action is pending within this district and division. See 28 U.S.C. 12. 1441(a).
- No hearings are scheduled and no orders have been entered in the state court 13. action.

V.

Conclusion

14. Upon filing of this notice of the removal of this cause, written notice of the filing is being given by Pfizer and Warner-Lambert to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's counsel as required by law. A copy of the notice with proof of service of it is attached hereto. A copy of this notice is also being filed with the Clerk of the state district court in which this cause was originally filed.

WHEREFORE, Pfizer and Warner-Lambert pray that the above-styled action pending against them in the 191st Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas, be removed to this Honorable Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANTS PFIZER INC. and WARNER LAMBERT COMPANY, L.L.P.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing document was forwarded in the manner described below to the following interested parties on this 17th day of May, 200.

Via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

James E. Girards J. Michael Ramey Samuel J. DeMaio, M.D. The Girards Law Firm 10000 N. Central Expressway, Suite 750 Dallas, Texas 75231

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RECEIPT # _____ AMOUN ____ APPLYING IFP _____ JUDGE ____ MAG JUDGE _____

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS-44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and service of pleading or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. The attorney filing a case should complete the form as follows:

- I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b.) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States, are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS-44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section IV below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a) Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause.
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS-44 is used to reference related pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

LIST OF PARTIES AND ATTORNEYS

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Defendants

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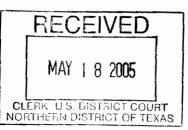
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United States District Court Northern District of Texas **Dallas Division**



Supplemental Civil Cover Sheet for Cases Removed NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS From State Court

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This form must be attached to the Civil Cover Sheet at the time the case is filed in the U.S. District Clerk's Office. Additional sheets may be used as necessary.

State Court Information: 1.

Please identify the court from which the case is being removed and specify the number assigned to the case in that court.

Case Number Court

191st Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas 05-2925

2. Style of Case:

Please include all Plaintiff(s), Defendant(s), Intervenor(s), Counterclaimant(s), Crossclaimant(s) and Third Party Claimant(s) still remaining in the case and indicate their party type. Also, please list the attorney(s) of record for each party named and include their bar number, firm name, correct mailing address, and phone number (including area code.)

Cause No. 05-2925; Steven Alexander vs. Pfizer Inc. Parke-Davis, a division of Warner-Lambert Company and Warner-Lambert Company; In the 191st Judicial District of Dallas County, Texas

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6. Nonsuited, Dismissed or Terminated Parties:

Please indicate any changes from the style on the State Court papers and the reason for that change:

<u>Party</u> <u>Date</u>

N/A

7. Claims of the Parties:

The filing party submits the following summary of the remaining claims of each party in this litigation:

Signature of Attorney

<u>Party</u> <u>Date</u>

N/A

Date: May 17, 2005